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CONTINENTAL
CHOCOLATES

SPECIAL GROUP SHOULD PAVE WAY FOR REFORMS

— BY PAUL DEAN —

Two weeks ago we aired most of the current anomalies of our soccer administration which we described as cumbersome, pseudo-democratic and even amateurish.

As the numerous comments from club officials and others proved, we were right on target.

Although our official bodies have elected to weather the storm in silence, without denying our allegations or refuting any of our charges, we are convinced that most of the

State's leading administrators privately agreed with us.

They had to: the facts speak for themselves.

But what will happen next? Will everything again be forgotten and do we keep on pretending that everything is in tip-top order in our soccer?

We have a positive suggestion which could start things moving in the right direction.

Let the NSW Council appoint a small group for a fact-finding mission.

Include one or two from the management committee by all means — but also include other experienced and talented officials who have proved over the years that they can produce fresh ideas.

We have a fair choice, if we don't insist stubbornly that the management committee is the be-all-end-all of all our soccer knowledge: a Harry Lakmaker, Les Bordacs, George Warner and others are available and willing to help.

SOCCER WORLD is prepared either to take an active part in such a fact-finding mission or help it along with relevant facts and information, some of which we have been collecting and filing for years.

DRASTIC CHANGES

What then should this group do? In one word: work.

Unlike so many other sub-committees in the past which aborted the moment after their birth, this group — call it Investigation Group if you like — should spend weeks, if necessary months, on collecting and disseminating all the relevant facts of our soccer life in the form of a survey.

They should interview senior and junior club officials, players and even complete outsiders in order to find out where the shoe hurts.

When their work is finished, they should be asked to

prepare and submit a detailed report on how soccer in this State could be reorganised and modernised.

This is the ideal time of the year to do it and if they do their work well, we could have a massive intelligence report by the start of the 1968 season.

It's no shame to admit that our soccer organisation is bad and needs drastic changes; only in recent years much more experienced soccer countries like France, Yugoslavia, Germany, Holland, Argentina and even Brazil made vast alterations in their constitutions, competitions and outlooks.

What would be a shame is not to recognise the needs for a change and remain idle.

HOT CURRY...



All the tenseness and determination of last Saturday's vital Croatia-Yugal match is reflected on the faces of Jack Curry, left, and Cliff Halpin as they battle for possession in this dramatic action shot by Les Brady.

Hong Kong can't have Australia

The Australian national team won't play in Hong Kong during their Asian tour, starting in November.

The Australian Federation have been advised by the Hong Kong FA that their terms were unacceptable, and that Hong Kong, anyhow, had a surfeit of touring teams at that period.

The ASF, however, has received the green light from South Korea for two mid-November matches at Seoul, the Korean capital.

Actual dates of the Seoul matches, however, are subject to the confirmation of a match in Bangkok against Thailand as the ASF wants Australia to play in Bangkok before flying to South Korea.

The rest of the itinerary will be finalised by ASF executive member, Julius Re, who is currently heading the Western Australian party at the Merdeka

Tournament in Kuala Lumpur.

Re has been instructed by the ASF to contact local Asian officials in Kuala Lumpur as most Asian countries will be represented at the Merdeka Cup.

Re is expected to return with the confirmation of most match dates, and these will be made public towards the middle of September.

The Australian team will leave in the first week of November, at the completion of the Australia Cup, and start their tour with a match in Papua-New Guinea.

The rest of the itinerary is still up in the air, but there is no doubt the tour, however short, will definitely go on.

Lou Gautier.

ASF OFFICE JUST CAN'T COPE NOW

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

Over the past three years the ASF has distributed \$171,708, equivalent to 71% of its tour earnings, to its members.

If soccer is to establish itself nationally and internationally to its fullest, it is inevitable that there must be a greater retention of funds by the ASF for use in two main directions.

There must also be greater understanding and application of the principles underlying the successful development of football, and of the ways in which the general principles must be adapted to meet the Australian needs and temperament.

Funds must be used for the engagement of a national coach and director.

This paper has consistently supported action in this regard.

Also, there must be administrative support to enable elected leadership of the National Federation to function with judgment, efficiency and power.

During and after the recent successful tours, some weakness in the ASF administration appeared despite the wholehearted efforts and developing influence of the secretary, Ian McAndrew.

A staff of a secretary plus typists, no matter how capable and well-intentioned, cannot cope with the complexities involved in the fullest promotion of an international sport such as soccer.

There are important national aspects involved in home and away tours, international and interstate relationships, the Australia Cup, investigation of national competition prospects, press affairs and public relations, coaching in its various forms, refereeing, professionalism and semi-professionalism, amateurism,

universities, schools, juniors, and a whole range of activities essential to cultivate the game in Australia.

In past years, soccer problems have been compounded by the delays caused by the great distances between State capitals.

But the Australian continent figuratively is shrinking as a result of better communications and transport.

Unless further competent administrative support is provided to the national secretary, his services cannot be made available to quicken problem solving and communication, and to implement the major policy decisions which will provide the launching pad for an Australian soccer outreach.

In 1966 the Australian Soccer Coaches Federation was formed, and a start has been made for the referees' organisation to become national.

Such enterprise has to receive administrative support, so that effectiveness can be increased.

The old saw that juniors are a matter for each State alone has to be buried.

Amateur, junior and school football in all States must be given the benefit of exposure to the ideas and experience which NSW has accumulated over the past 30 years.

Even today some administrators in some other States cannot even comprehend the degree of penetration of soccer on the amateur and junior sports scene in NSW, and the ways in which general improvements can be made.

Until the base of the game is widened and is in healthy condition in all States, it has not achieved its first and vital mission.

JUNIOR TITLES

The fifth Australian Junior Championships will be held in Sydney at the end of the month.

The series will be staged between August 29 and September 3.

Teams taking part will be NSW, Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia, Tasmania, the ACT and Northern NSW (Newcastle).

Queensland will not participate as their school holidays do not coincide with those of other Australian States.

The seven entrants will be grouped in two pools and play round-robin matches.

The top two teams will qualify for the semifinals while the final will be played on Sunday, September 3, as the curtain-raiser to the First Division premiership final play-off at the Showground.

NSW, the holders of the national junior title, are favored to retain the championship, but can expect, as always, stiff opposition from Northern NSW, and perhaps Victoria and South Australia.

Previous Australian Championship winners were: NSW, in Sydney, in 1963; South Australia, in 1964, in Adelaide; Newcastle, in Brisbane in 1965 and NSW, again, last year, in Melbourne.

— SYDNEY TEAM GALLERY —



Yugal's line-up against Croatia last Saturday. Standing, from left to right: Banicevic, Halpin, Petrou, Bobic, Nacinovic, Dunaj. Front row: Lalic, Edwards, Rafaneli, Crnich, J. Alagich.

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Each week SOCCER WORLD and LA FIAMMA will publish progress scores in the voting.

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For each section — the second appearing today — various points will be awarded. These, after the completion of each section, will be added up and tabulated, thus each reader's score will be carefully checked and kept. Progress standings will be periodically published in both SOCCER WORLD and LA FIAMMA.

● Closing date for Section 10: 3 p.m., Tuesday, August 29.

SYDNEY CLUB PATROL

PRAGUE are hoping to make a world tour next year during which they would play all the teams they invited to Australia in the past: VfB Stuttgart, Slovan Bratislava, Sing Tao, Sparta Prague and FC Basel.

While the NSW and Australian Federations are still only planning their long-awaited COACHING ACADEMY, Second Division club Bankstown have their own coaching academy well under way. Last year they produced 35 certified junior coaches and this week another 45 coaches will go through their Basic Skills Course. With its own ground, shooting board, etc, already, Bankstown will soon build a gymnasium. The Coaching Academy has the backing of the Bankstown Junior Association and the Bankstown Soccer Club Limited.

Croatia were under the care of Frank Hearne last week when they beat Yugal. Club officials would neither confirm nor deny the rumor that MIKE KISS has been replaced.

Nineteen-year-old Miss Doris Spiteri of Pendle Hill was crowned "MISS MELITA EAGLES" 1967 at the Eagles' clubhouse last Saturday night. She was at Mona Park on Sunday to cheer the team on to victory against South Coast.

The MARKS FIELD will soon be equipped with the latest, up-to-date lighting, making it the best-lit ground in Australia. "We are delighted", Prague secretary George Warner said this week, "but would much rather have some sort of cover installed".

BALGOWNIE are negotiating with two English professionals for next season. Balgownie are determined to strengthen their team for 1968 when they will make an all-out bid to regain First Division status.

St. George-Budapest will organise a special REUNION DINNER for all their ex-players and officials of the last 10 years to be held in their new clubhouse. To facilitate the rounding up of ex-Saints, please ring John Warren on 57-4778.

The Bankstown Soccer Club Limited has formed a LADIES SOCCER TEAM made up mainly of girl friends and wives of the Second Division team's players. The team will compete in the Bankstown Association Ladies' Competition, starting next month. The

team will be coached by North Bankstown's Ron Buckley.

JOE VENGLLOS, the Prague coach, is now employed as a physical education teacher at a Sydney high school.

The APIA Junior Football Club is sending its under-14 and under-16 teams to Melbourne and Broken Hill respectively during next month's school holidays, under the sponsorship of the APIA Club of Frazer Street, Leichhardt.

Prague's 19-year-old English newcomer, TERRY THORNE, celebrated his Australian debut last week with a lovely goal against St. George-Budapest.

Balgownie's left winger COL KEARTON returns to England on August 21 with his wife. The Keatons, however, plan to return to Wollongong in about 12 months.

BOBBY YOUNG, the former Corral and Australian winghalf, is an electrical engineer at the BHP Bulli Colliery. One of the finest players of his era, Young is now passing on his knowledge in coaching young prospects on the South Coast. Young shared top place, with Joe Vavary, the Marconi coach, in SOCCER WORLD's "star" award for 1959.

ARTIE QUILL, referred to in glowing terms by George Smith in last week's feature article for his scintillating centre-forward exploits for the old Goodyear and Wallsend teams, has always retained a great interest in the game. Each week he assists as a selector for Wallsend, working in with the Bolshies' coaches Bruce and John Morrow by summing up the opposition and assisting with his team's problems.

Prague have granted a clearance to their former utility player GRENVILLE JONES, now back in England and playing for an amateur non-league team. Jones' wife, incidentally, gave birth to a son three weeks ago.

JOHN COLE, the talented Pan Hellenic stopper, is out of hospital after having a clot removed from his knee. He is receiving physiotherapy in a bid to be fit for the

final play-offs should Pan Hellenic qualify for the "semis" for the first time since 1963.

ST. GEORGE-BUDAPEST membership has now reached 500 with a waiting list of a further 350 and applications will close within the next fortnight.

APIA may play in Melbourne against Juventus on Sunday, September 28.

We have it from a good source that all's not well between the Greek and Australian factions within CANTERBURY. The uneasy alliance is reported to nearly have reached bursting point last week when Greek officials walked out of a stormy management committee meeting.

The All Stars v. Guildford reserve grade inter-suburban match was ABANDONED last week when spectators invaded the field. To avoid further disturbances, the first grade game did not take place.

UNIVERSITY OF NSW, the 1967 Australian University champions, are taking two teams soon to Newcastle for challenge matches against Newcastle University, the 1966 Australian intervarsity champions.

APIA have set up intensified coaching and training for their successful under-13 and under-14 teams under the supervision of Roy Smith, their second and third grade coach.

PAN HELLENIC's offer to play in Hong Kong has been knocked back. The club is now waiting to hear from Greece, Israel and Cyprus. If two of those countries accept Pan Hellenic's terms, they will undertake an overseas tour in November.

The following teams qualified for the STATE JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP finals last weekend: Under-8 — Sutherland; U-9 — Bankstown; U-10 — Sutherland; U-11 — Southern Districts; U-12 — Bankstown; U-13 — Bankstown; U-15 — St. George; U-18 — Western Suburbs; U-21 — Gladesville; All-Age — Bankstown.

Sydney FIRST DIVISION CLUBS held an emergency meeting last Tuesday to discuss several vital matters.

TERRY BYRNE, the popular former Channel 9 soccer cameraman and commentator, has resigned from the Canterbury management committee. Byrne in recent years managed the Berries' reserve grades which produced promising players like Jamieson, Clarke, Raeburn and Williamson.

The loss of form of Hakoah's Australian international goalkeeper, PETER FUZES, now only Duncan Wilson's deputy, can be attributed to his strenuous studies. Fuzes is working on his end of year pharmacy university exams which leaves him little time for training.

A new soccer club has just been formed in Blacktown, under the name of ST. PATRICK'S Soccer Football Club. The club is incorporated with the new Maltese Citizens' Association of Blacktown. The management committee wishes to make it known that players from the age of 10 years upwards are required. All those interested to play for St. Patrick's are requested to contact: Ph. Micallef, 1050 Holbech Rd., Blacktown, 622-3412, J. Cachia Garrett, 199 Bungarribee Rd., Blacktown, 622-6115, or S. Zammit, 226 Bungarribee Rd., Blacktown.

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DIV. TWO CHAMPIONS MAY FACE TROUBLE

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

With the season drawing to a close, the most talked about aspect of this year's Second Division competition is what awaits the premiership winner when it meets First Division company early next season.

The final weeks of this topsy-turvy competition are proving to be the most important for both Manly and Granville, as at this stage, only a disaster could rob either of these clubs of promotion.

When looking closely at their performances so far, I came to the conclusion that on their present strength, the club that finally wins promotion would be well below First Division standard.

The relegated side, which ever that may be, will be a much stronger team than the promoted one and unless the winner indulges in a buying spree involving thousands of dollars, its prospects are very bleak.

Taking the last few seasons as a guide, there is nothing new in it, as the promoted team has been considerably weaker and not up to scratch before, but this year's winner would be decidedly weaker still.

For instance, this season's competition provided so many upsets and surprises that when the first round was completed, the first half a dozen teams on the table all had a chance to win promotion — something new for Sydney soccer — as all the "strong" teams were beaten and more than once.

If this were a reflection of added strength, we would have had good reason to rejoice but as a close look at the record indicates, this is to the contrary.

The standard of the game was lower than in previous years, resulting in smaller crowds too, as none of the competing teams could stir enough excitement to induce its district soccer lovers to go and watch it in numbers.

But in all fairness, this may have been a rebound from last season when three sides were promoted to bolster the First Division.

This "robbed" some of the best players from this division together with the crowd-drawing power which Polonia, Canterbury and Melita Eagles enjoyed.

The return of Corinthians in its dissipated form to this division and the promotion of Manly, Lane Cove, North Bankstown and Marconi did very little to impress both on attendances and the standard of play in general.

To add gloom to this already depressed state of affairs, such teams as Bankstown and Balgownie — strong and worthy contenders in previous seasons — lost form completely and played some of the most shocking football in their history even though they practically fielded the same line-ups as last year.

We might have been accustomed in the immediate past to see the premiership winners go through either unbeaten or losing one or two points, like Polonia did last year and Corinthians the year before.

None of the teams competing this season, including Manly and Granville, could produce a team of this strength.

The winning side will certainly have to retain some of the present players but to hope for any success inevitable major changes have to be made to the team coupled with a publicity drive to wake up its district as unfortunately neither Granville nor Manly have drawn big crowds so far this season.

Both had an increase on last year's attendances, but this is still far from satisfactory for any team to survive in First Division it must

have continuous and reasonable support.

Both Manly and Granville have applied for liquor licences and both were rejected but will re-apply and may be successful next time.

If Manly wins this premiership race, it will be the first side that won it in the first year after coming up from district soccer, while if Granville wins, another page will be written in the history of the oldest soccer club in Australia.

TASMAN CUP

TOP SCHOOLBOYS AT MARKS FIELD

Four months of competitive school football will come to a grand climax at the Marks Field next Wednesday night, August 23, when High School officials expect a bumper attendance to see the Tasman Cup finals.

At 7 p.m. Brox Park plays Punchbowl for third place, and at 8.15 p.m. Wallsend plays Booragul for the Cup.

Seventy-two high schools set out in quest of the Cup, an increase of 24 from 1966.

School teams hopefully entered from Narrabri and Tamworth, from Newcastle and the Coast, from Penrith, Campbelltown, Greystanes.

Some of the original selective High Schools were there, Canterbury, Hurlstone Agricultural and Fort Street.

Ex-winners of the Cup, Maroubra Bay, East Hills, Keira, Cleveland Street and so on all took to the field.

No other code of football has such a big Cup competition.

Of the finalist schools, Wallsend won the trophy in 1964, and Booragul, from Lake Macquarie, had the clearest cut semifinal win.

Past Tasman Cup winners are: 1962 — Maroubra Bay High; 1963 — Macquarie Boys High (Sydney); 1964 — Wallsend High; 1965 — East Hills High and Keira High (jointly); 1966 — Cleveland Street High and Strathfield South High (jointly).

In a few short years, CHS

soccer has come from a minor beginning to blossom into one of the most powerful sports on the schools calendar.

In Sydney alone, over 100 high schools play representative soccer.

The game should continue to build its prestige, and insist on an increasing share of the best young sportsmen and the best available grounds.

Players and parents and P & C members can do much to influence this position.

Indeed, with a trend towards local Councils obtaining weekend use of school ovals, soccer associations must consciously obtain more use of school grounds.

It is no good thinking we will continue to progress amongst schools and juniors unless we are very strongly represented where thousands of boys gather for their week by week studies and sport.

In no school must soccer be regarded as a "second" game.

Here is the challenge to all. The rate of growth of school soccer should continue to prove that we have the schoolboy players, interested masters, parents and friends to meet the challenge. K.G.

South enjoys big revival

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

Amateur soccer in Southern NSW has been undergoing a remarkable change.

For example, in the final match in the Southern section of the Country Championships for under 15s, Shoalhaven played Far South Coast at Eden, and won through to play the winners of the Hunter Valley Branch in the Country final.

For years the Illawarra (Wollongong) area was the only worthwhile amateur and junior outfit in this vast area.

Now Canberra, Riverina, Far South Coast, and Shoalhaven (Nowra) are all beginning to throw out a strong challenge to the Illawarra Association's championship teams.

Some 19 representative matches were played this year in centres stretching from Eden to Nowra, Wagga Wagga, Canberra and Corramal.

Improvement made in the South of the State reflects

the standard of administration in the area.

State president Bruce Pleasant, secretary David Childs, and Len Bolden of Shoalhaven have greatly assisted in progress.

Unfortunately Western and Northern NSW have not shown the same enthusiasm for the junior championships.

Once again the game has to find the right leaders before it can go ahead.

Newcastle has dominated the Hunter River Valley Branch matches, which have included Upper Hunter, Cessnock-Maitland, Macquarie, and Central Coast as well as Newcastle itself.

The Country championship finals will be played this year at Balgownie Oval on August 20 — this Sunday.

State finals will be spread between Sydney, Newcastle and Wollongong on September 10.

READERS' LETTERS

SOCCER NEEDS A STRONG LEADER

It was gratifying to read your article in SOCCER WORLD about our administrative crisis both on a State and national level.

There are very many people who think along the same lines — and it's obvious that they need a leader.

He should have a vast knowledge of the game with regards to the needs of players and spectators as well as organising ability of the highest order.

Such a man would be worth \$10,000 a year to our soccer.

He would have to gather around him all true soccer enthusiasts, prepared to respect and work for him.

Unfortunately, we don't seem to have such a man in our NSW Federation.

Admittedly they are triers or even quite efficient on junior association level but lack the know-how of world soccer, in which we should now take our place.

Walter Winterbottom told me during his recent visit that Australia need have no fears about its soccer future — if today's wealth of juniors isn't allowed to vanish for lack of leadership.

I feel we should all pool our ideas and maybe we would find a way out of this unholy mess.

Dave Mathie, Secretary, Bankstown District Coaching Academy.

SLIP BACK

Well done, SOCCER WORLD. Your comments on the many problems facing our soccer was a beauty.

My only complaint is that you didn't have a go earlier as our management deserved to be "roasted" months, even years ago.

Having followed soccer both in England and Australia for 30 years, I, too, am very discouraged that our grand game has made no headway in the past five years.

In 1963 I was convinced soccer had a great future in Australia.

Our crowds were booming, our standards top class, and good, steady men were in control.

Today soccer is once again in the doldrums and we no longer present a threat to Rugby League, who, a few years back, were worried sick about soccer's progress.

Whereas soccer slipped back, Rugby League swept forward.

They were not ashamed to pick the best from soccer's platform and adapt it to their code, i.e. night football, Australia Cup, abandoning the antiquated residential rule, Sunday football, etc.

I, for one, have many English friends who in recent years have given soccer away in utter frustration and now follow Rugby League.

What soccer needs is men of vision at all levels.

I think that an extraordinary general meeting should be convened at once, gathering anyone who may have any constructive ideas on how soccer can rise from its ashes.

The management committee should be big enough to admit they failed miserably in their task to lead soccer.

They must now ask for outside support.

L. F. Ferguson, Dove Avenue, Punchbowl.

GET SIR STANLEY

All who have the game at heart should fully endorse your positive suggestion of inviting one of the world's top administrators.

This person should be asked to pin-point all vital weaknesses of our set-up and to recommend measures — however drastic — to be implemented.

A firm plan for implementation should then become the one and only subject of a special open convention or special AGM of the ASF, preferably attended by the visiting administrator to clarify and to guide.

To arrange the above is the ASF's job and the obvious approach is to the FIFA president.

Sir Stanley may take it up himself or delegate Dr. Kaser; but whoever it is, let him tell us without mercy all our vital failures and shortcomings.

The "do-nothing" alternative is to go on as at present until a low-grade standard of amateurism, attended by a few dozen players' relations, is all that's left from most of our First Division clubs.

Max Garrett, Kenthurst.

PRESS RELATIONS

There must be something to say for your newspaper's crusade to build up soccer.

In a lifetime of interest in this superb sport, it is hard to remember anything as inept as the press relations of the sport during the recent brush between the journalists and the newspaper proprietors.

Both the daily emergency editions and the journalists' paper carried a certain amount on Rugby League, and also on Rugby Union.

But where was local soccer? Not one word could I find to publicise our code.

Where was the NSW Federation when the crisis was on? Did anyone at all try to get soccer news to the public?

The news position was so poverty-stricken that it demands a searching enquiry itself, with no holds barred.

There must be a nigger in the woodpile somewhere.

P. Hopkins, Dundas.

SCOTS SAY

"THANK YOU"

This is the text of a letter sent to Jim Bayutti by Willie Allan, secretary of the Scottish FA:

"It has taken me a long time to get to this stage at which I find time to congratulate you on your success with the Australian national team.

"It is true that you did not draw, far less win, any of the matches, but it is quite obvious that the players of the Australian national team were well drilled and making progress under your guidance.

"May they continue to do so.

"We are indebted to you for your attention to us, when you had, obviously, enough on your hands looking after your players.

"Do accept our warmest thanks, kind regards and good wishes".

W. Allan, Secretary, Scottish Assn. Ltd.

FIRST DIVISION REFEREES

Prague v. Melita Eagles — A. Sorbie; Canterbury v. Polonia — A. Faraone; SCU v. Pan Hellenic — M. Buchanan; Croatia v. St. George-Budapest — N. Jones; Cumberland v. Yugal — F. Woolman; Hakoah v. APIA — H. Parsons.

POST-MORTEM ...OF A MATCH

— By ALAN SPEERS —

Zlatomir Lujic was co-guest of honor at a welcoming dance at the Yugal Hall, Darlinghurst, last Saturday night.

But it's doubtful if he felt in the mood for festivities.

A few hours earlier, at the Marks Field, he had his first taste of Sydney soccer, and, sad to say, found it rather sour.

Lujic arrived in Sydney from Yugoslavia only a week before Saturday's match against Yugal's traditional rivals, Croatia, and scarcely had time to make the acquaintance of his team mates before finding himself pitchforked into battle.

What a game to make your debut in a new country, and a new team.

Hardly the easiest of initiations.

Lujic, 32, comes here with a reputation built up after 12 years with Radnicki Belgrade, currently in the Second Division in Yugoslavia, but a club with a fine First Division record in seasons gone by.

On Saturday, he played the first half of the Yugal-Croatia second grade game, but was replaced at half time, obviously with the intention of resting him for his debut in the first team later in the afternoon.

At half-time of the first grade match, with the score at one-all, Lujic replaced Yugal's young Greek goalkeeper, Ivan Petrou, who, until then, had done nothing wrong.

Seven minutes later, he was ruefully picking the ball out of the net after a goal by Croatia's bustling centre forward, Ray Cush.

Obviously lacking understanding with his co-defenders, Lujic looked from far happy against the robust Croatia forward line; on one occasion he dropped the ball at the feet of Giles, but the ball was somehow scrambled clear.

But, with six minutes left, came the mistake which allowed Croatia's Frank Cush to snare the two points.

Watching from the sidelines, it appeared Lujic was poorly positioned.

Certainly Frank Cush thought so.

"He was wide open, standing where he was in the centre of the goal, so I went for the right hand corner and, luckily, it went in," Cush said after the match.

Lujic, tall and dark-haired, said through an interpreter, he had been surprised by the "dynamic" nature of play.

"It is much harder physically than in Yugoslavia." Asked if he was satisfied with his performance, he said, disgustedly: "What performance?"

Lujic can take heart that he is not the first overseas player to find the going tough in their first match here.

While Lujic was having his troubles, Croatia kept alive their chances of making the final four, with the win, their first since May 26.

Early in the season, Croatia was hailed as the main threat to APIA and, indeed, defeated the competition leaders.

But after beating Yugal 5-0 in their first round meeting, the team lost form.

Saturday's win could be the start of a revival.

COMPETITION TABLES

FIRST DIVISION

Grade I.

	W	D	L	F	A	P
APIA	15	3	1	54	15	33
St. George	12	4	4	37	25	28
Hakoah	10	5	5	34	17	25
Pan Hellenic	9	4	6	55	22	22
Croatia	8	6	5	32	24	22
Canterbury	8	3	9	35	45	19
Polonia-NS	7	4	9	26	47	18
Prague	5	6	8	29	35	16
SCU	4	6	10	28	37	14
Melita Eagles	6	2	11	21	32	14
Yugal	5	3	11	28	51	13
Cumberland	4	2	14	24	49	10

Grade II.

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hakoah	13	2	5	66	32	28
Croatia	10	4	5	50	29	24
Cumberland	10	4	6	54	35	24
Pan Hellenic	11	2	6	36	28	24
St. George	9	5	6	51	23	23
Prague	10	3	5	44	29	23
APIA	9	3	7	50	43	21
Polonia-NS	7	5	8	39	48	19
SCU	4	6	10	24	48	14
Canterbury	3	6	10	30	55	12
Melita Eagles	4	4	11	31	57	12
Yugal	3	1	15	22	69	7

Grade III.

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Cumberland	16	3	1	61	20	35
Prague	13	3	3	55	16	29
Croatia	13	3	3	59	22	29
St. George	10	5	5	43	22	25
SCU	9	5	6	50	29	23
Polonia-NS	7	5	8	25	27	19
Hakoah	9	1	10	31	43	19
Canterbury	7	3	10	23	45	17
Pan Hellenic	6	4	10	26	27	16
APIA	6	4	9	30	48	16
Melita Eagles	1	2	17	16	53	4
Yugal	1	2	16	11	77	4

SECOND DIVISION

Grade I.

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Granville	13	5	2	56	18	31
Manly	13	4	2	43	20	30
Bankstown	10	5	5	50	28	25
Western Subs.	10	3	6	39	29	23
Marconi	8	6	6	29	24	22
Corinthians	10	2	7	32	30	22
Sutherland	8	4	7	36	29	20
Hornsby-NE	5	7	7	33	31	17
N. Bankstown	8	1	10	25	25	17
Balgownie	5	5	10	31	36	15
Lane Cove	2	5	13	15	42	9
Blacktown	1	1	18	16	91	3

Grade II.

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Granville	15	1	4	62	33	31
Western Subs.	13	3	3	57	29	29
Sutherland	13	—	6	65	35	26
Hornsby-NE	12	1	6	54	34	25
Manly	10	4	4	56	26	24
Bankstown	10	2	8	51	40	22
Balgownie	9	3	8	32	35	21
N. Bankstown	8	4	7	47	43	20
Marconi	7	3	10	41	51	17
Corinthians	3	5	11	27	48	11
Lane Cove	2	2	16	28	61	6
Blacktown	—	2	18	11	95	2

LAST WEEK'S

RESULTS

FIRST DIVISION (Second and Third Grade)		
Yugal v. Croatia	1-2	0-3
P. Hellenic v. Canterbury	1-3	0-1
Melita Eagles v. SCU	3-0	0-2
St. George v. Prague	2-1	0-0
APIA v. Cumberland	1-2	0-0
Polonia v. Hakoah	0-4	4-1

SECOND DIVISION (First and Second Grade)		
Granville v. Sutherland	2-1	3-1
Marconi v. West Suburbs	3-0	0-1
N. B'town v. Lane Cove	2-1	4-1
Blacktown v. Banks'n	0-10	0-4
Balgownie v. Manly	1-3	2-1
Hornsby v. Corinthians	0-1	2-4
Marconi v. Granville	2-3	0-2

LEADING SCORERS

Giacometti (APIA)	16
Warren (St. George)	15
Karyannis (Pan Hellenic)	14
Baartz (Hakoah)	12
Logan (Pan Hellenic)	12
Ninaus (Canterbury)	11
J. Alagich (Yugal)	10
Hood (Canterbury)	9
Watkins (APIA)	9
Keddies (Cumberland)	8
Krawiarz (Polonia)	8

TEAM OF THE WEEK

NUELL (SCU)
HENSON (Pan Hellenic)
ACKERLEY (APIA)
WESTWATER (Pan Hellenic)
MORGAN (St. George)
RAFANELI (Yugal)
LOGAN (Pan Hellenic)
MINOL (Polonia)
R. CUSH (Croatia)
BAARTZ (Hakoah)
F. CUSH (Croatia)

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SYDNEY RESULTS & DETAILS

RESULTS & SCORERS

P. Hellenic

7 (2)

Westwater 5 and 80 mins.,
Smith 30 min., Karyannis 47
min., Logan 50 and 75 mins.,
Henson 73 min.

Canterbury

0 (0)

Yugal

2 (1)

Halpin 38 min., Bobic 72
min.

Croatia

3 (1)

F. Cush 35 and 84 mins.,
R. Cush 52 min.

A.P.I.A.

2 (1)

Giacometti 4 and 65 mins.

Cumberland

1 (0)

Watkins 74 min. (o.g.)

Melita E.

2 (0)

Mulqueeney 47 min., Bank-
head 70 min.

St. Coast

1 (1)

Harrison 1 min.

Polonia

1 (0)

Minol 51 min.

Hakoah

1 (1)

Yaager 31 min.

St. George

5 (3)

Sandell 17 min., Zuckerman
25 min. (penalty), Warren 39
and 80 mins., Fernandez 70
min.

Prague

1 (1)

Thorne 35 min.

HOW THEY LINED UP

Clarke 4; Henson 5, Omeros 4; Westwater
5, Johnston 4, Hignett 4; Logan 4, Smith 4,
Karyannis 3, McCulloch 3. Blitz 5.

TOTAL: 45

Coach: W. Vrolyks.

Demopoulos 2; Whitehead 2, Mucillo 3; Gal-
braith 3, Sambrook 3, Dougan 3; Rinos 2
(Clarke 2), Kauz 2, Romanos 3, Ninaus 2,
Hoare 3.

TOTAL: 28

Coach: G. Polgar.

Petrou 4 (Ljubic 2); Nacinovic 3, Crnich 2;
Dunaj 3, Banicevic 4, Rafaneli 5; J. Alagich 4,
Lalic 4, Halpin 3, Bobic 3, Edwards 3 (Pacanin
3).

TOTAL: 38

Coach: F. Dunaj.

Corry 4; Lincoln 4, Sloan 3; Curry 4, Shep-
herd 3, Snedden 3; Swoboda 3 (replaced Rey-
nolds 10th minute), Tomicic 3, R. Cush 4, Giles
3, F. Cush 5.

TOTAL: 39

Coach: M. Kiss.

Taylor 3; Van Blerk 4, Ackerley 4; Hughes
3, Watkiss 4, Bottalico 4; Campbell 3, Campana
3, Blue 3, Kerklaan 3 (McKinnon 2), Giacom-
etti 4.

TOTAL: 38

Coach: M. Mazzina.

Fisher 4; Addison 3, Dell 3; Moffatt 3,
Thomson 4, Entwistle 4; Keddies 4, Goldie 4,
Edwards 2 (Smith 2), Christie 3, Keenan 3.

TOTAL: 37

Coach: L. Quedsted.

Eaton 4; Hunter 4, Woods 4; Arrighi 3,
Cilia 4, Hewlett 4; Mulqueeney 2, Mullan 4,
Bankhead 3 (replaced Falzon in 29th min.),
Reid 3, Williams 3.

TOTAL: 38

Coach: J. Vlasits.

Nuell 5; Kerr 2, Ringland 4; Davies 3,
Salisbury 4, Carr 3; Barnett 4, Tristram 2,
Harrison 4, Freeme 2, Paterson 3.

TOTAL: 36

Coach: G. Barnett.

Bout 4 (replaced by Seymour in 86th min.);
Filok 4, Skiba 3; Nowacki 3, Dzialach 4, Adam-
son 4; Oliver 3, Minol 5, Baker 3, Krawiarz 4,
Gonzales 3 (Muhlbauer 3).

TOTAL: 40

Coach: G. Azzopardi.

Wilson 4; Stewart 4, Hillsdon 4; Walsh 4,
Marnoch 4, McKnight 3; Harding 4, Collins 3,
Yaager 3, Baartz 4, Holden 4.

TOTAL: 41

Coach: T. Jelisavcic.

Haffey 4; Isaac 4, Hillary 4; Schaefer 5,
Morgan 5, Zuckerman 4; Stegbauer 3, Warren
3, Sandell 2, Cliss 3, Fernandez 4.

TOTAL: 41

Coach: L. Hegyes.

Earl 3; Harcombe 3, Moulson 3; Blacker 3,
Zeman 4, Scheinflug 4; Armytage 2 (Hrncir 2),
Thorne 3, Blanco 2, Hoggart 3, Gauto 3.

TOTAL: 33

Coach: J. Venglos.

SUMMING UP THE MATCHES

Match rating: * * * *

Pan Hellenic took a firm grip on the
match straight from the kick-off and handed
a football lesson to a totally demoralised and
outclassed Canterbury. Playing some of their
best soccer this season, Pan Hellenic were
utterly irresistible. They clicked magnificently
in all departments and never let up, ruthlessly
pressing home their crushing superiority. Can-
terbury never recovered from Westwater's
early goal and at no stage appeared capable of
averting a big beating. Pan Hellenic's reshuf-
fled defence was never in any bother and their
forwards, intelligently prompted by Westwater
and Blitz, for once took most of the chances
that came their way.

Crowd: 5,300.

Referee: A. Boskovic.

— LOU GAUTIER

Match rating: * * *

An 84th minute goal by Frank Cush
carried Croatia to a victory their long-suffering
supporters must have thought would never
come. Ironically enough, it was Croatia's first
win since they defeated Yugal in their first
round clash, though they had drawn four times
in the intervening period. Yugal, twice trailing
by the odd goal, seemed likely to share the
points after Bobic's equaliser in the 72nd
minute and, on the run of play, a draw would
perhaps have been the best result.

Crowd: 1,810.

Referee: H. Parsons.

— ALAN SPEERS

Match rating: * * *

APIA played a dangerous game by taking
Cumberland too lightly and nearly paid the
penalty for their complacency in the dying
stages when Cumberland almost snatched the
equaliser. This was a game APIA should have
won in a breeze as they held an overwhelming
share of the ball for all but the last 15 minutes.
Through a complete lack of purpose, however,
they squandered countless chances and had to
defend grimly towards the end when a re-
vitalised Cumberland gallantly threw every-
thing into attack. APIA undoubtedly played
their worst game of the season and were not
up to their reputation.

Crowd: 2,200.

Referee: J. Scarborough.

— LINCOLN WALTERS

Match rating: * * * *

Melita Eagles almost certainly swept aside
their relegation worries when they beat South
Coast in a ragged match contested in a do-or-
die atmosphere. Aided by a stiff breeze, United
stunned the Eagles with a goal right from the
kick-off, but they failed to hold on to their
lead when they were outplayed by a deter-
mined Melita side after the interval. South
Coast goalie Nuell gave an outstanding display
for the visitors and saved his team from a
bigger defeat. Melita's forwards confirmed their
improvement with another spirited performance.
South Coast again failed to win in Sydney
and put up a mediocre display, particularly in
attack.

Crowd: 1,800.

Referee: G. Naylor.

— CHARLES SPITERI

Match rating: * * * *

The crowd saw Krawiarz stand ready to
take a freekick 30 yards from Hakoah's goal
when Minol sprinted through and sent a
screamer into Hakoah's net. This was one of
the best goals of the season. In the first half
Baartz had ripped open Polonia's defence for
Yaager to put Hakoah ahead. Whilst the final
score was tied Hakoah were the more effective
but with Polonia, playing with a ton of heart
and passing crisply, it would have been an
injustice for them to lose. Hakoah's reshuffled
forward-line settled down better and they
only need an extra striker to be a threat to
any team.

Crowd: 2,500.

Referee: K. Lockrey.

— KEITH GILMOUR

Match rating: * * *

With more precision in their shooting, the
Saints could have reached double-figures and
still be left with something to spare. Prague,
putting up only token opposition, were very
clearly outclassed and didn't seem to mind
at all. Their defence was shaky and their for-
wards quite harmless. The Saints produced
some very clever, almost spectacular, pattern
football in a match that certainly entertained,
but lacked any real competitive atmosphere.

Crowd: 2,000.

Referee: L. Rae.

— PAUL DEAN

Pan Hellenic could clinch semi spot through win

— By PAUL DEAN —

The second last round games and the match deferred from earlier and now playable on Wednesday night should create big interest.

Although APIA's championship is no longer a matter of dispute, the semi-final and relegation struggles are still very much alive.

Pan Hellenic can actually ensure their semifinal place if they win at Woonona and if Croatia lose to the Saints.

Unless Yugal lose two matches in four days, Cumberland's relegation will become a mathematic certainty.

Yugal v. Prague

The issue of relegation may well be decided on Wednesday night; if Yugal can snatch a win, Cumberland's fate is almost certainly sealed.

Yugal went down fighting last weekend, mainly through some simple goal-keeping errors.

If some of their stars can show only half their reputed skill, they should be in the running for points.

Prague, after their lethargic display of last Sunday, need a tremendous revival to avoid defeat.

Their defence is far too easily mastered while their forward line, despite the efforts of the clever Hoggart, lacks punch.

Yugal appear good enough for one point — perhaps for both.

Hakoah v. APIA

Just in case complacency is creeping into their game, let us warn Hakoah that they are not yet in the semifinals.

Should they slump and should both Pan Hellenic and Croatia stage a grandstand finish, Hakoah may yet miss out on the top four.

The way they have been playing for weeks must worry their fans; the impotence of the forward line is particularly noticeable.

APIA are clearly coasting home now, reserving their big effort for the play-off series.

However, against Hakoah they invariably produce

something close to their best.

That, under normal circumstances, should be sufficient to give them a win with prestige flavor.

Cumberland v. Yugal

Unless a miracle occurs, Cumberland's days are numbered and this match could mathematically put them out of Division One.

This is especially true if the previous Wednesday Yugal managed to collect at least a point from Prague.

Should Yugal have gone down there, this match will assume immense importance.

In that case, a Cumberland win would pull them up to one point behind Yugal and the relegation issue would be decided in the last round when Cumberland meet St. George and Yugal face Hakoah.

It seems like a tall order to ask the Cumberland boys to save the day in the 11th hour — but with the fighting spirit they showed against APIA, they may just do that.

Forecasting here is useless in view of Yugal's earlier engagement, but should Cumberland still have something to strive for on Sunday, we take them for a win.

Croatia v. St. George

Although they have finally broken through the win-barrier, Croatia's form is still pretty unconvincing.

Gone are their style, easy rhythm and modern formation which had promised so much earlier in the season.

Against the Saints they are never very comfortable; in fact, they have yet to beat them in a competition tussle.

St. George showed glimpses of improvement last week, especially in their attack which, with Sandell and Stegbauer, gained more authority and weight.

Their defence, brilliantly led by Schaefer and the young Morgan, is almost airtight and should be able to contain the patchy Croatia forwards without much trouble.

Forms suggest a St. George victory in what could be the most entertaining match of the round.

South Coast v. Pan Hellenic

Having gone through the season without a single win away from home, South Coast obviously rely on their Woonona pitch to put together the necessary points piecemeal.

While in Sydney they have yet to display an impressive form, they are quite a different proposition in their home surrounds.

The absence of Tolson will be a blow to them but even without him they are a tough proposition.

Pan Hellenic's explosive performance last week captured the imagination of the fans who will now be eager to see a repetition.

If Hellenic can deliver this, they not only stand a good chance of snatching those vital two points but will elevate themselves to co-favorites for the play-offs.

We feel they will win alright, but without the fireworks of last week and certainly without the seven spectacular goals.

Canterbury v. Polonia-NS

With neither team involved in the semi-final battle or the relegation drama, they could turn on an enjoyable, relaxed display.

Canterbury's defence, shot to pieces last week, will certainly be tightened to avoid another catastrophe.

However, lately it's been their forward line that caused most of their trouble, being unable to hold the ball for any length of time and thus taking the pressure off their defenders.

Polonia in recent weeks showed vast improvement on earlier form and have

achieved, deservedly, a more point to feel absolutely safe from relegation.

They play intelligent, purposeful football and also collect the points.

Canterbury will need a big reversal to stay in this match which looks like going Polonia's way.

Prague v. Melita Eagles

It's quite on the cards that coach Joe Venglos will try out some more youngsters in this match.

After all, the youngsters at least would go flat out for the 90 minutes and not walk like some of their established stars did last Sunday.

Melita would no doubt like to have at least one

ROUND 21

VITAL MEETING

At press time the NSW FEDERATION was holding a special council meeting to decide how to divide the money from recent tours. The Management Committee proposed that First Division clubs get \$600 and Second Division clubs \$200 apiece. Strong opposition to this move was expected from the majority of clubs.

SYDNEY PROGRAM

THIS WEEKEND

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

Prague v. Melita Eagles — Marks Field
Canterbury v. Polonia-NS — Arlington Oval
Bankstown v. Nth. Bankstown — Bankstown Oval
Sutherland v. Marconi — Seymour Shaw Park
Western Suburbs v. Corinthians — Ground to be arranged
Manly v. Hornsby-NE — Graham Reserve

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

SCU v. Pan Hellenic — Woonona Oval
Croatia v. St. George — Marks Field
Cumberland v. Yugal — Mona Park
Hakoah v. APIA — Wentworth Park
Lane Cove v. Granville — Pottery Green
Manly v. Blacktown — Graham Reserve
Corinthians v. Balgownie — Jubilee Oval
Western Suburbs v. Hornsby-NE — Concord Oval
Sutherland v. Nth. Bankstown — Seymour Shaw Park

NEXT WEEKEND

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22

Pan Hellenic v. Melita Eagles — Marks Field (under lights)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

Canterbury v. SCU — Arlington Oval
Melita Eagles — v. Croatia — Mona Park
St. George v. Cumberland — SCG No. 2
APIA v. Polonia — Lambert Park
North Bankstown v. Manly — George Green

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

Pan Hellenic v. Prague — Wentworth Park
Yugal v. Hakoah — Marks Field
Western Suburbs v. Sutherland — Concord Oval
Marconi v. Lane Cove — Marconi Oval
Granville v. Bankstown — Macarthur Park
Blacktown v. Corinthians — Francis Park
Balgownie v. Hornsby-NE — Balgownie Oval

LINE-UPS

PRAGUE

EARL
HARCOMBE
TRACEY
BLACKER
ZEMAN
SCHEINFLUG
R. MANUEL
BLANCO
HOGGART
THORNE
GAUTO

MELITA EAGLES

EATON
HUNTER
WOODS
ARRIGHI
CILIA
HEWLETT
MULQUEENEY
MULLAN
BANKHEAD
REID
WILLIAMS

CANTERBURY

DEMPOPOULOS
WHITEHEAD
MUCILLO
GALBRAITH
SAMBROOK
DUGGAN
HOARE
RINOS
ROMANOS
NINAUS
CLARKE

POLONIA

BOUT
FILOK
SKIBA
NOWACKI
DZIALACH
ADAMSON
MUHLBAUER
MINOL
BAKER
KRAWIARZ
GONZALEZ

SOUTH COAST

NUELL
CARR
RINGLAND
DAVIES
BARNES
SALISBURY
BARNETT
TRISTRAM
HARRISON
FREEME
PATERSON

PAN HELLENIC

G. CLARKE
HENSON
OMEROS
WESTWATER
JOHNSTON
HIGNETT
LOGAN
SMITH
KARYANNIS
McCULLOCH
BLITZ

CROATIA

CORRY
LINCOLN
SLOAN
CURRY
SHEPHERD
SNEDDEN
SWOBODA
TOMICIC
R. CUSH
GILES
F. CUSH

ST. GEORGE

HAFFEY
ISAAC
HILLARY
SCHAEFER
MORGAN
ZUCKERMAN
STEGBAUER
SANDELL
CLISS
WARREN
FERNANDEZ

CUMBERLAND

HOPKINS
ADDISON
DELL
MOFFATT
THOMSON
ENTWISTLE
KEDDIE
GOLDIE
SMITH
CHRISTIE
KEENAN

YUGAL

LIJIC
NACINOVIC
CRNIC
DUNAJ
BANICEVIC
RAFANELI
J. ALAGICH
LALIC
HALPIN
BOBIC
PACANIN

HAKOAH

WILSON
STEWART
HILLSDON
WALSH
MARNOCCH
McKNIGHT
HARDING
COLLINS
YAAGER
BAARTZ
HOLDEN
APIA
TAYLOR
VAN BIERK
ACKERLEY
HUGHES
WATKISS
BOTTALICO
CAMPBELL
CAMPANA
BLUE
KERKLAAN
GIACOMETTI

TIPSTERS' CORNER

THIS WEEKEND'S MATCHES	PAUL DEAN	LOU GAUTIER	MARCEL NAGY	KEITH GILMOUR	CHARLES SPITERI	ALAN SPEERS	MOST FAVORED
SCU v. Pan Hellenic	x	2	2	2	2	x	2
Prague v. Melita Eagles	2	1	x	2	2	1	2
Croatia v. St. George	2	2	2	2	x	2	2
Cumberland v. Yugal	x	2	1	2	1	1	1
Hakoah v. APIA	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Canterbury v. Polonia	2	2	2	2	x	x	2
Sutherland v. Marconi	1	x	1	2	1	1	1
Bankstown v. N. B'town	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
W. Subs. v. Corinthians	1	1	x	1	2	1	1
Manly v. Hornsby	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Lane Cove v. Granville	2	2	2	2	2	1	2
Manly v. Blacktown	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Corinthians v. Balgownie	1	1	1	1	1	2	1
W. Suburbs v. Hornsby	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Sutherland v. N. B'town	x	1	x	1	1	1	1

RESULT SCOREBOARD

	APIA	Hakoah	St. George	South Coast	Pan Hellenic	Prague	Croatia	Yugal	Cumberland	Polonia	Canterbury	M. Eagles
APIA	●	2-0	0-0	3-1	3-2	3-0	1-2	5-0	2-1		5-0	2-1
Hakoah		●	2-3	1-1	1-1	1-0	0-1	5-0	2-1	4-0	1-3	3-1
St. George	1-4	1-6	●	4-3	0-0	5-1	2-1	2-0		4-1	1-2	2-1
South Coast	2-2	1-1	0-0	●		1-3	1-0	3-1	4-2	0-1	1-2	3-2
Pan Hellenic	1-3	1-0	2-0	1-0	●		2-3	2-2	2-3	7-1	7-0	
Prague	0-4	0-2	0-3	4-4	1-1	●	2-2		5-1	0-0	5-1	
Croatia		0-1		1-1	2-0	2-2	●	5-0	2-1	0-4	5-1	1-1
Yugal	0-4		0-2	3-1	3-7	1-1	2-3	●	2-1	4-1	3-4	4-1
Cumberland	2-2	0-1	1-3	3-0	1-5	2-1	0-0		●	2-4	1-5	1-0
Polonia-NS	2-5	1-1	1-1	1-0	0-6	1-2	2-1	0-0	2-0	●	0-5	2-4
Canterbury	0-2	0-0	0-1		5-4	0-2	1-1	1-2	4-1		●	1-1
Melita Eagles	0-2	0-1	0-2	2-1	0-4	1-0		2-1	2-0	1-2	1-0	●



ROUND THE WORLD

Arce on the move

APIA-designate Arce Luis Fullone, the missing Argentinian who finally turned up in Scotland instead of Australia and joined Albion Rovers, can't be the ace he is made out to be — after only two weeks Rovers gave him a free clearance.

Dutch season kicks off

Results of the first round of the 1967-68 Dutch First Division competition, played last Sunday: NAC v. ADO 0-0; Ajax v. Go Ahead 2-0; NEC v. Telstar 2-0; Sparta v. DOS 3-0; Xerxes v. Feyenoord 0-3; PSV v. Volendam 1-1; Twente v. DWS 1-3; MVV v. Sittardia 6-4; Fortuna v. GVAV 0-2.

Herrera's tactical switch

Helenio Herrera intends to reorganise his Inter Milan for the new campaign. He wants to make Inter a more attacking team, especially at home where Suarez is likely to be the "libero" (free-back) with the task of launching attacks.

Mexico's gold medal

Mexico, the favorites, won the Pan American Games. They beat surprise-package, Bermuda, 4-0 in the final. Trinidad-Tobago beat Canada 4-1 in the bronze medal play-off. Joint-favorites Argentina were a big disappointment and were knocked out by Bermuda in the quarterfinals. Brazil, for the first time, did not take part in the Games, which concluded last week at Winnipeg, Canada.

Two per game

While crowds in West Germany stayed at an average of 24,000 and in England rose to 30,000 (First Division only), Italy has lost 580,000 spectators last season. One reason undoubtedly is the defensive mania: in 306 matches 613 goals were scored, or 2.01 per game. Juventus' average in winning the "scudetto" (championship) was 2.006 goals per match, the lowest in Europe.

Star fullback dead

Italy's most popular fullback between the wars, Renzo de Vecchi, died at 73. With blasphemous extravagance called "Figlio di Dio" (son of God), De Vecchi played in 43 internationals, 23 times as captain.

Rangers' Danish goalie

Glasgow Rangers have signed Morton's Danish goalkeeper Erik Sorensen. The 27-year-old Dane who was capped 10 times in his homeland will link up with another Dane at Ibrox, fullback Kaj Johansen who also arrived from Morton.



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Japan's national team will play six matches in Brazil in October. The Japanese have been invited in exchange of the visit of Palmeiras to Japan earlier this year. They are expected to draw fairly large crowds as there are more than 1,500,000 Japanese in Brazil — the only South American country where Asian immigration is allowed.

● The Italian Cup will start on September 3. Highlights of the first round are the Inter v. Brescia and AC Milan v. Cagliari clashes.

● Panathinaikos, the crack Greek club, have offered a big coaching contract to Otto Gloria, Portugal's World Cup manager. Should this fall through, they may sign the Italian Scopigno, from Cagliari.

● Almir, the brilliant Flamengo centre-forward, has been transferred to America Rio.

● The 1967-68 European Fair Cities' Cup attracted 96 entries. The UEFA, however, reduced the entries to 48, no country being allowed to enter more than two teams.

● The New York Generals have been "loaned" five players by Boca Juniors (Buenos Aires), three of whom are "A" or "B" Argentinian internationals.

● Garincha is training with Vasco de Gama after his shock dismissal from Botafogo. The Brazilian wizard, however, may not sign a contract as Botafogo are asking \$140,000 for him, although they claim he is not good enough to play even in their reserve team.

● Tottenham and Manchester United played a 3-3 draw last Saturday before a crowd of 60,000 spectators.

● Exeter City, under the management of new broom Frank Broome (ex-Sydney Corinthians) spend one training session a week at the British Army's assault course at Wessex.

● Queen's Park Rangers received a blow to their Second Division hopes when their ace goal-getter, Rodney Marsh had to enter hospital for a foot operation.

● The English Lincoln City club's chief fundraiser is a namesake of an Australian all-time great — Norman Conquest.

● The West German Bundesliga will kick-off this weekend with many Turkish, Polish, French, Uruguayan, Belgian, Dutch, Yugoslav, Hungarian, Swiss, Swedish and Austrian players.

● Pele has demanded that the Santos management buy Botafogo's forward Gerson. Pele claims that he and Gerson, playing alongside each other, would restore Santos to its former glory.

● Inter Milan leaves for an American tour this week. They will play five matches and have been guaranteed a staggering \$120,000.

● Bulgaria's new champions, Botev Plovdiv, have changed their name to Trakia, the Bulgarian name for the province of Thrace, the capital of which is Plovdiv.

● Another top Yugoslav has joined a foreign club. International halfback Aleksic signed with the Dutch Enschede last week.

● Russian coaches are coming home. Netto is back in Moscow after a stint with Omonia Nicosia (Cyprus). Polonin has left Kuwait and Paramonov ended his contract with Tunis' Star Club.

● The Italian Olympic team ended a three-week training period in England where they played against Queen's Park Rangers, Peterborough, Southampton and Millwall.

● Wolverhampton have opened their new \$300,000 indoor training centre and social club.

● Bill Perry, the former Blackpool star who recently played a season with South Coast United, has signed for the Lancashire Combination club Fleetwood.

● One of West Germany's leading referees, 65-year-old Hans Konrad retires this year. Konrad, from Nurnberg, refereed 1,564 games in his 41-year career.

● West Germany's national team manager, Helmut Schoen, has been invited to conduct Chile's annual coaching clinic next month. On his way home, Schoen will spend a week in Brazil to observe how a top Brazilian club trains.

● Benfica will play three matches in the US — on August 19 at San Francisco, August 23 at Houston and on the 26th at Los Angeles. The Portuguese champions will be paid the princely sum of \$68,000 for their American appearances.

● Juventus will transfer their Argentinian-born forward, Angelillo, to AC Milan.

● Hong Kong FA secretary, Joseph Wong, has resigned to take up an appointment as Public Relations Officer with a large manufacturing firm. Wong visited Australia with Sing Tao last year.

Fire-fighting

The Hungarian FA has sent a full set of football gear for 20 players to the English Southport, who recently lost their stand and equipment in a fire. During last year's World Cup the Hungarians were staying at the seaside town of Southport and with this gesture they wanted to reciprocate for the kindness of the population.

No Rhodes scholar . . .

Yorkshire born referee Peter Rhodes has announced his retirement. As he is basically an unknown whistler, this wouldn't raise one eyebrow. But Rhodes is the man who recently admitted that 11 of the 21 fouls he had awarded in a televised match in the US Pro League were phonies to allow the CBS television people to fit in their commercials. Rhodes, judging by his sudden retirement, may have spoken too rashly . . .

Big junior tournament

The annual San Remo Tournament for junior national teams will be held between August 17 and 26 on the Italian Riviera. Italy, France, the USSR, Yugoslavia, Spain, Switzerland, Scotland and West Germany will be competing. Italy won the 1966 tournament and are again tipped to take out the title this year.

Albanians pull out

Dinamo Tirana, the Albanian champions, have withdrawn from the European Cup where they were scheduled to meet West Germany's Eintracht Braunschweig in the first round on September 20 and October 4. The Albanians gave no explanation for their withdrawal.

Herd is back

David Herd, the great Manchester United forward will be fit for the start of the new season. Herd, a Scottish international, broke his leg on March 18 and thus missed the Australian tour. So far Herd has scored 128 Cup and League goals for United in 229 games.

Scotland's small crowds

Six Scottish Second Division clubs — East Stirling, Berwick, Brechin, Alloa, Stranraer and Stenhousemuir — didn't manage even to top 2,000 spectators in any competition match in the 1966-67 season. East Stirling drew the smallest crowds of any senior Scottish club. On no less than 14 occasions they played before crowds of less than 500 spectators at home. Smallest First Division Scottish crowd was 600 at the St. Mirren v. St. Johnstone game and 100 in Second Division for Queen of the South v. East Stirling and Third Lanark v. Brechin. The biggest Second Division crowd of the season was only a paltry 7,625 (Raith v. Morton).

● The Hong Kong national team was unable to play two matches in Cambodia on their way to the Merdeka Tournament. The Cambodian FA is still black-listed by FIFA for having staged the illegal GANEFO Tournament in Phnom-Penh last November.

● Scottish club Partick Thistle caused a sensation last week when they marked their ground with red lines — the first time this had been done in Europe.

● Burnley have bought their first player in nine years, goalkeeper Rodney Jones, for \$38,000 from Rotherham.

● Everton's strapping Scot, Jimmy Gabriel was transferred to Southampton for a stiff \$112,000.

● The Moscow Army club, ZDSA is now being coached by the former famous Dynamo forward, Bobrov.

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MELBOURNE HSC SHOULD ENSURE STATE TITLE

— From BOB LOW in Melbourne —

Nothing short of total collapse can rob Melbourne of the 1967 State League title with only three more rounds to be played.

Way out in front by four points, their nearest challengers, Juventus are by no means sure to win any or all their remaining three matches.

So Melbourne HSC can get ready for the pay-off and prepare for their celebrations.

Melbourne must be wary this weekend against Alexander, especially after the tremendous show of the Greek side against JUST.

However, with a vast superiority in skill, it's Melbourne to win.

Juventus, sure of a place in the Australia Cup and possible runners-up in the league should make Macedonia's position at the bottom even more hopeless and win without a great deal of trouble.

The Hellas v. Polonia clash is most interesting as the Greeks could yet finish up in the four.

Slavia, who are struggling to find finishers, cannot be optimistic about the outcome of their game with JUST.

George Cross meet Hakoah and anything could happen here.

George Cross have not the same potential in attack as Hakoah and may go under.

In the final game the Lions meet Croatia who have never so far contested the Australia Cup.

Lying pretty handy in third position I don't reckon Croatia will forfeit this place unless the Lions put on a super show.

Last Week's Results: Melbourne v. Juventus 1-0; (Abonyi); Hakoah v. Slavia 2-1 (Monan, Anderson for Hakoah, Rainey for Slavia); JUST v. Alexander 2-2; (Hughes, Adamovic for JUST,

(Bourdakis, Papaconstantinou for Alexander); Makedonia v. Lions 0-0; George Cross v. Polonia 3-2; (Reilly 2, Morrison for George Cross, Swoboda, Prybylski for Polonia); Croatia v. Hellas 2-2; (Vojtek 2 for Croatia, Ackerley, Nestorides for Hellas).

STATE LEAGUE TOP SCORERS

Tony Hughes (JUST) 18
Attila Abonyi (Melb.) 18
Jim Armstrong (Hakoah) 15.

Melbourne program:

Saturday: Juventus v. Makedonia (St. Kilda), Lions v. Croatia (Olympic Park), SM Hellas v. Polonia (Middle Park).

Sunday: Slavia v. JUST (Olympic Park), Alexander v. Melbourne (Schintler Reserve), George Cross v. Hakoah (Sunshine).

Swans hold their own at Merdeka

The West Australian team, the first ever non-Asian side invited to compete in the Merdeka Tournament, have done remarkably well in their first matches.

West Australia had the honor of playing in the opening match of the tournament against Malaysia at Kuala Lumpur last Thursday week.

A near-capacity crowd of 35,000, including Malaysia's Premier Tunku Abdul Rahman, almost saw an upset.

The Australians took an early lead against the home team and led 2-1 at half-time.

With five minutes remaining, the score was tied at 2-2, but Malaysia scored the winning goal from a goalmouth mix-up to give them a narrow hard-fought 3-2 victory.

Last Sunday night, Western Australia played brilliantly in the first half to hold the strong Indian team to 1-1, but faded

after the interval to lose 3-1.

Despite their two defeats to date, Western Australia have created a fine impression and were far from disgraced.

Actually their standard is just about on a par with most of the competing nations.

The Australians' performances even look better in the light of Malaysia's subsequent 3-0 win over Hong Kong, recent winners of the Southeast Asian Regional Cup.

When one considers that Western Australia is regarded as the weakest State in Australian soccer, it becomes increasingly evident that the full Australian national team would come close to winning the Merdeka Tournament.

We have said it before, and say it again: Australia must take part in the Merdeka every year.

This important tournament is well within the grasp of our national team and we cannot afford to allow our limited opportunities to shine internationally go begging.

STOP PRESS: West Australia last Tuesday night scored a great 3-1 victory against Thailand and are now in the running for a spot in the semis. They still have to play South Vietnam and Hong Kong.

ALL AUST. RESULTS

VICTORIA

First Division: Sunshine 2, Sandringham 1; Wilhelmina 2, Coburg 1; Box Hill 2, Triestina 2; Dandenong 0, Moreland 0; St. Albans 0, Springvale 1; Brunswick 1, Austria 1.

Division Two: University 0, Richmond 3; Pk. Rangers 6, Bayswater 4; Albion 2, Fern Tree 1; Brighton 2, Frankston 0; Prahran 1, Ringwood 1; Altona 0, Ajax 1.

Division Three: Waverley 4, St. Kilda 1; Kellor 11, Flinders 1; Croydon 2, Heidelberg 2; Glenroy 1, Hercules 3; Moorabbin 1, St. Yarra 2; Essendon 1, Chelsea 2.

Division Four: Yallourn v. Olympic (walkover to Yallourn); Mooroolbark 1, Helvetic 2; ICI 0, Monash 3; Mornington bye; Newport 5, Rosebud 0; Doncaster 2, Clayton 0.

NSW NORTHERN
Division One: W. Wallsend 1, Macquarie 5; Newcastle 0, Wallsend 2; Cardiff 1, Weston 2; Belmont 2, Awaba 1; Adamstown 1, Hamilton 3.

Division Two: Cessnock 8, Dudley 0; Maitland 0, Mayfield 1; S. Wallsend 0, Slavia 4; Young Wallsend 1, New Lambton 5; Jesmond 2, Pan Hellenic 0; Jesmond 25; Pan Hellenic 1, New Lambton 0; Slavia 3 (postponed); Lambton 1 (postponed June 24); Dudley 4, Cessnock 2 (postponed June 11).

QUEENSLAND
Division One: Hellenic 2, St. Helens 1; Merton 6, Oxley 0; Hollandia 1, Thistle 3; Latrobe 3, Coalstars 0.

Division Two: Germania 2, Azzurri 3; Mitchelton 2, Budapest 1; Wynnum 4, Bardon 5; Newmarket 0, Easts 2; Polonia 0, Dnipro 1; GAP 2, Annerley 1.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA
Division Two: Sturt 0, Cumberland 3; Malta 2, Campbelltown 0; Birkalla 3, Azzurri 1; Wakefield 1, Beograd 5; Windsor 4, Adelaide 1.

TASMANIA
Southern: Final Four Series: Calles 1, Juventus 2; Croatia 1, Olympia 4.

North-western: Combined Cup: Launceston United 1, Juventus Northern 0; South Launceston 0, Ulverstone 6; Rovers 3, Saints 2; Spartans 8, Launceston Rovers 1.

WEST AUSTRALIA
Tricolore 4, Olympic 1; Swan Valley 1, Perth City 3; Cockburn 1, Swan Athletic 4.

Division Two: Subiaco 0, Kiev 5; Maccabi 1, Caledonian 0; Julia bye; University 1, Scarborough 1; Athens 5, Dalmatian 0.

Croatia last hurdle for Juventus

— From ALLAN CRISP in Adelaide —

Croatia loom as the last major barrier standing between Juventus and the 1967 premiership.

With two rounds remaining, Juventus meet Croatia on Saturday and will play Seaciff-Austria in their final game.

Juventus are one point clear of Hellas and because of a superior goal average can afford one draw.

Hellas, in hot, determined pursuit, must defeat both Lion and Victoria by convincing margins.

Assessed on last week's scintillating form, Hellas have not abandoned hope of winning their second successive premiership.

Hellas thrashed Austria 5-1 in adverse conditions.

A changing, gusty wind and soaking rain failed to dampen their brilliance.

Wingers Nick Pantelis and Ted De Lyster, revelled in the heavy going to score four goals.

Unpredictable Polonia continued their topsy-turvy form by slithering to a 2-0

defeat at the hands of relegation threatened USC Lion.

Polonia, an ally to Juventus because of their win over Hellas, could be the unwilling agent to help Lion escape demotion.

Lion's success will affect the survival hopes of Elizabeth City and Burnside-Budapest.

Port Adelaide, seemingly doomed, must stage a last ditch effort against Budapest on Saturday.

Austria and Elizabeth will add their act to the exciting drama, with Austria out to depose Croatia from fourth place and the City striving to move from the relegation zone.

ADELAIDE PROGRAM

Saturday, August 19

Seaciff-Austria v. Elizabeth City — Croydon Park. Referee: John Spiers; Croatia v. Juventus — Hanson Reserve. Referee: Bill Hosie; Burnside-Budapest v. Port Adelaide — Olympic Sports Field. Referee: Dennis Grant; Victoria v. Polonia — Blair Athol. Referee: Mick O'Malley; USC Lion v. WA Hellas — Hindmarsh Stadium. Referee: Ken Candy.

ADELAIDE RESULTS

Elizabeth City v. Croatia 2-2. Scorers: Hunter 2 for Elizabeth; Moore, Birch for Croatia.

Juventus v. Burnside-Budapest 4-1. Scorers: McColl, Herczeg, Cruz, Meneghetti for Juventus; Bailey for Budapest.

Port Adelaide v. Victoria 0-3. Scorers: Stahl, McKenzie, Coombs (t.o.g.).

Polonia v. USC Lion 0-2. Scorers: Nechvoglod, Chamberlain.

WA Hellas v. Seaciff-Austria 5-1. Scorers: Pantelis 2, De Lyster 2, Batshelor, for Hellas; R. Jones for Austria.

S A TABLE

Juventus	12	3	1	46	9	27
Hellas	11	4	1	41	14	26
Polonia	8	5	3	21	10	21
Croatia	5	6	5	24	21	16
Austria	7	2	7	22	25	16
Victoria	5	3	8	23	38	13
Lion	6	—	10	13	25	12
Elizabeth C.	3	5	8	16	27	11
Budapest	4	3	9	13	24	11
Pr. Adelaide	3	1	12	12	39	7

VICTORIAN TABLE

Melbourne	14	2	3	43	15	30
Juventus	11	4	4	29	17	26
Croatia	10	4	5	36	22	24
Hakoah	10	3	6	36	26	23
JUST	9	4	6	39	46	22
Hellas	7	7	5	41	30	21
Slavia	8	3	7	31	30	19
G. Cross	6	5	8	29	33	17
Polonia	7	1	11	36	37	15
Lions	4	5	10	22	32	13
Alexander	3	4	12	21	44	10
Makedonia	3	2	14	21	52	8

AMATEUR RESULTS & TABLES

DIVISION I

Sydney Uni. v. Artarmon	2-4	0-6
Thistle v. Sth. Sydney	4-1	2-1
Kewpies v. Wentw. War.	1-3	1-4
Marrickville v. N. Sydney	0-2	3-3
Lidcombe v. Concordia	0-1	1-2
Ryde v. Marrickville	2-2	0-1
Uni. NSW v. N. Sydney	2-2	1-2

DIVISION II

Yagoona v. Belmore	1-4	1-1
L'pool Inter v. Yagoona	1-12	—
Arncliffe v. Auburn	1-2	4-1
Warringah v. Riverside	4-0	1-1
Penrith v. East Side	1-5	3-3
L'pool Inter v. Gympie	0-9	—
Arncliffe v. All Stars	1-0	0-3

DIVISION III

Enmore v. St. Marys	6-1	8-2
Willby v. G'ville-H'by	1-4	6-3
Ku-ring-gai v. Cond. Pk.	2-2	5-2
L'pool City v. Smithfield	3-2	—
Padstow v. Blacktown	2-1	1-2
Smithfield v. Dee Why	0-1	0-2
Greenacre v. L'pool C.	2-3	—

North Sydney	13	5	2	57	24	31
Marrickville	11	5	4	48	34	27
Artarmon	11	4	4	44	27	26
Ryde	9	6	4	43	27	24
Thistle	9	4	6	43	37	22
Concordia	9	4	7	38	39	22
South Sydney	6	6	7	37	36	18
Wentw. Waratahs	6	6	7	41	44	18
Uni. NSW	6	5	6	29	23	17
Kewpies	4	3	12	27	51	11
Lidcombe	1	6	12	22	49	8
Sydney Uni.	2	2	15	24	59	6

East Side	13	4	2	49	20	30
Belmore	15	—	5	61	33	30
Warringah	12	2	6	52	26	26
Gympie	10	5	5	47	36	25
Guildford	9	6	4	47	27	24
Arncliffe	8	4	6	32	32	20
Riverside	7	4	8	37	40	16
Yagoona	6	4	9	44	42	16
All Stars	6	3	9	37	34	15
Penrith	6	3	11	45	51	15
Auburn	5	2	13	31	62	12
L'pool Inter	—	2	18	15	97	2

Enmore	20	—	—	159	20	40
St. Marys	14	1	4	79	38	29
G'ville-H'by	13	3	4	63	36	29
Dee Why	13	2	5	62	37	28
Condell Park	10	4	5	63	40	24
Willoughby	9	1	10	57	63	19
Smithfield	7	2	11	42	61	16
L'pool City	8	—	11	41	65	12
Blacktown	4	4	12	31	66	12
Greenacre	5	2	12	44	91	12
Ku-ring-gai	3	1	16	34	78	7
Padstow RSL	1	—	17	21	102	2

THIS WEEKEND

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19

First Division: South Sydney v. Ryde — Booralee; NSW v. Thistle — Prince Henry Oval; Sydney Uni. v. Kewpies — St. Paul's Oval; Concordia v. Artarmon — Mackey Park.

Second Division: Riverside v. Yagoona — Mahoney Park; Auburn v. Penrith — Progress Park; Gympie v. Arncliffe Scots — Sylvania Reserve; East Side v. All Stars — Moore Park.

Third Division: St. Marys v. Ku-ring-gai — Jamison Park; Dee Why v. Padstow RSL — Dee Why Oval; Blacktown Spurs v. Enmore — Maryong Oval; Gladesville-Hornsby v. Smithfield — Somerville Park; Condell Park v. Liverpool City — Bankstown Showground.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

First Division: South Sydney v. Lidcombe — Booralee; Marrickville v. Thistle — Mackey Park; NSW Uni. v. Ryde — David Phillips Oval; Wentw. Waratahs v. North Sydney — Jones Park; Kewpies v. Artarmon — Colquhoun Park.

Second Division: Belmore v. Liverpool Inter — Rudd Park; Guildford v. Warringah — Guildford Oval; East Side v. Arncliffe Scots — Moore Park.

Third Division: St. Marys v. Padstow RSL — Jamison Park; Liverpool City v. Willoughby — Woodward Park; Condell Park v. Greenacre — Bankstown Showground.

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SYDNEY SECOND DIVISION

MANLY COULD CLINCH TITLE THIS WEEKEND

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

Granville temporarily head the table after two close wins against Sutherland and Marconi, but Manly with a comfortable win against Balgownie and a match in hand are still the favorites for promotion.

Western Suburbs' loss to Marconi on Saturday has put Corinthians in the running for the semifinals and the clash between these two sides next weekend should decide the issue.

Here are last weekend's match reports:

Granville v. Sutherland 2-1

This game was fast and entertaining as both sides struggled for command of midfield but the ball was evenly shared and the score of 1-1 at half-time was a true indication of the trend of play.

After the interval, Granville played with more deter-

mination and were the more polished side, but many good movements were wasted in front of goal.

When the match seemed set for a draw, Shepherd dribbled past two defenders before crossing a perfect pass to the unmarked O'Neill who beat Pines with a beautiful placement from ten yards.

Scorers for Granville: Shepherd and O'Neill; for Sutherland: Cucitti.

Marconi v. Western Suburbs 3-0

A rather harsh decision by the referee to send Adrian Smit off the field after an earlier caution ruined what could have developed into a tight tussle at Marconi Oval.

Marconi's superiority in the first half resulted in a 2-0 lead through Zorato's header in the 24th minute and Nappa exploiting a goalmouth scramble in the 39th minute.

After the interval play was fairly even but Wests, with only a four-man forward line, could never pierce the Marconi defence.

Ten minutes from the end Marconi increased their lead when a magnificent shot from 15 yards by Giacometti found the net to seal a well deserved win.

North Bankstown v. Lane Cove 2-1

This was a very scrappy game which could have gone either way, but North Bankstown finally managed to win their first game against Lane Cove in the last two seasons.

The home team led 2-0 at half-time and the visitors scored their only goal five minutes from time.

Scorers for North Bankstown: Roberts and Gamble (o.g.); for Lane Cove: Nadj.

Blacktown v. Bankstown 0-10

Bankstown, playing superbly, crushed relegation-doomed Blacktown with a cricket score, scoring two goals in the first two minutes and four in the last three.

The locals had no answer to the Bankstown scoring machine which systematically ripped the opposing defence to ribbons and scored at will from start to finish.

Scorers for Bankstown: Bamforth (4), Tansley (4) and Turnbull (2).

Hornsby-NE v. Corinthians 0-1

The only goal of the match was scored in the 20th minute when Alf Orr headed in a perfect corner kick taken by Amey.

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Corinthians dominated play for most of the game but the forwards missed many easy chances.

Balgownie v. Manly 1-3

Manly took the lead after 10 minutes, but Balgownie soon equalised and the half-time score was 1-1.

After the interval, Manly took command and Waller scored two good goals to cap a hat-trick and seal yet another fine win for his side.

Scorers for Balgownie: Kearton; for Manly Waller (3).

Marconi v. Granville 2-3

This very important tussle was marred from the beginning when fighting broke out between supporters.

The referee was abused and stones and other missiles thrown at him, and he had to be escorted and protected from the angry mob at the end of the match.

The game itself was scrappy, and although Marconi opened the score, Granville

were the better side throughout.

Scorers for Marconi: Nappa and Seni; for Granville: Dickson, Crelly (penalty) and Shepherd.

THIS WEEKEND

Manly could clinch promotion this weekend when they play twice — against Hornsby-North End on Saturday and Blacktown on Sunday.

They cannot afford the slightest slip-up as Granville are breathing down their necks.

The Seasideers are expected to win both games and take a giant step towards promotion.

The Western Suburbs v. Corinthians game will almost certainly decide which of these two teams joins Manly, Granville and Bankstown in the final play-offs.

Bankstown should beat local rivals North Bankstown who double-up on Sunday against Sutherland.

Granville should be untied to down Lane Cove and keep their promotion hopes alive.

WITH THE AMATEURS

NORTH SYDNEY HAVE IT WON

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

North Sydney Inter have virtually captured the First Division premiership as the result of a win and a draw last weekend.

After gaining two points against Marrickville on Saturday, in a deferred match, North Sydney were held to a 2-2 draw by University of NSW on Sunday.

Norths now have a four-point lead over Marrickville with matches against Wentworth and Ryde to play.

Inter were slightly more aggressive throughout the match against Marrickville and deserved their 2-0 win.

They found in University of NSW a hard nut to crack in the Sunday game.

Forwards Del Gigante and Stokes combined well to figure in University's two goals.

It was only late in the game that North Sydney Inter equalised from a delicate chip shot which found Uni's goalie, Ralph Williams, unsighted.

On Sunday, Marrickville seemed to have the game against Ryde sewn up when they led 2-1, but a missed penalty gave Ryde added

incentive and they snatched the equaliser right on the last whistle.

Opportunist Len Robinson, promoted from the seconds, scored both Marrickville's goals.

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SECOND GRADE

Pan Hellenic: Rademacher; Walker, Stevenson; Petrou, Mallard, Patrinos; Demos, Frame, Barretta, Byles, Howard (1).

Canterbury: Margeit; Raeburn, Champion; Hardy, Gordon, Raymond; Williamson, Katsenos; Como (1), Waters (2), Coulter. Referee: D. Frazer.

Yugal: Ljubic (Clarke); Zivkovich, G. Clancy, Stosich, Venetoulis, P. Clancy, Vesich (1), M. Alagich, Fray, Takac, Marinkovich.

Croatia: Fraser; Page, Bonazza, Stuart, Woods, Brennan, Kirgan, Tyrell, Sincek (Taylor 1), Masse (1), Groll. Referee: N. Micos.

APIA: Dove; Callaghan, D. Parkin; Browning, C. Parkin, Ardouin; Gauld, Gray, Rivero (1), Verano, Pedulla.

Cumberland: Hopkins; Atherton, Wall; Maes, Richards, Keirs; G. Ques- ted, Grant (1), Crocker (1), Allen, Fairley. Referee: F. O'Connor.

Polonia-NS: Rule; Bazak, Tomaszewski; Calphy, Fryer, Tarver; Morgan, Gaik, Hanley, Murray, Wolek.

Hakoah: Fuzes; Berne, B. Smith; Round, Coutts, Prokurat; Gold, Edmunds (2), Harivel (2), Jones, Kovacic. Referee: E. Cook.

Melita Eagles: Gray; Wynn, Calleja; Doran, Fazackerley, French; Stuart (1), Kerry, Azzopardi, Hutchison (1), Prophet (1).

South Coast: McQuire; Strachan, Bott; Sutherland, McNally, Laws; Melassin, Conlin, Stefanovic, Barnaba, Griffiths. Referee: P. Rampley.

St. George: Ramage; Wills, Bird; De Bruin, Taylor, Heaney; Todd, McColgan, Mansfield (1), Piggott, Telfer (McClue 1).

Prague: King; B. Tracey, Minor; Hill, Rootsey, D. Tracey; R. Manuel, G. Manuel (1), Haig, Lowrie, Burt. Referee: F. Johns.

THIRD GRADE

Pan Hellenic: Parsons; Zumbo, Petratos; Dredge, Sparsis, Campbell; Petty, Kaperonis, Kerz, Gill, Waddington.

Canterbury: Lindsay; El- dridge, Allen; Tarlington, Domenici, Lazaric; Bazak, Arrighi, Ross (1), Salerno, Martin. Referee: W. Addie.

Yugal: Clarke; Cirjanic, Kipic, Perz, Ripley, Kydd, Aleksanpar, Tomic, Jones, Volar, Apostolousk.

Croatia: Easter; Low, McInnes, Clark, Carr, Cush, Babiatus (1), Brian (1), Yaager, Frakes (1), Thomson. Referee: P. McFarland.

APIA: Dickinson; Staples, Buckley; Russell, Sambrook, Phillips; King, La Rocca, McNamara, McGearney, McKenzie, Collins; Watts, L. Ques- ted; Desanti, Edwards, Turner; Watson, Brennan, Smith, Embury, Vincent. Referee: T. Scott.

Polonia-NS: Seymour; W. Henretty, D. Henretty; Thompson, McFadyen, Knight; Llewellyn, Rudg- ley, McAlister, Chodkiewicz, G. Parkin (1).

Hakoah: Stern; K. Harri- son (2), J. Reichard; A. Reichard, Ollier, Round; Stanborough (2), Berger, Haig, Berne, Goldberg. Referee: E. Craggs.

Melita Eagles: J. Tanti; William, Apostilides; Mon- ardo, Miranda, Leckemby; Austin, Nannaiello, Harris, A. Tanti, Demento.

South Coast: Radburn; Newson, McMullan; Bott, Whitefield, Beretti (1); Mc- Leod, Sheppard, Suther- land (1), Newman, Grif- iths. Referee: P. Davies.

St. George: Ball; Adams, Liddy; Stead, Cox, Hard- ing; Tsolakis, Szelma, Olive, Rodgers, Lewis.

Prague: Cook; Greer, McLoughlin; Parkhouse, Hill, Siddons; Cooper, Dickinson, Wilcox, Perry, Constable. Referee: P. Nikolas.

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